

Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd & Co-operative Energy Ltd

Energy Aggregation Meeting 18 December 2000-12-20

Present:

Co-operative Purchasing Services Ltd
Co-operative Energy Ltd
North East Telecommunications Co-operative Ltd
Rupnorth Co-operative Ltd
Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd
The Western Victoria Dairy Research & Development Farm Co-op Ltd
YCW Co-operative Society Ltd

Apologies

Avoca District Co-operative Ltd
Central Highlands Co-operative Ltd
Cobden A.B. Co-operative Ltd
Fitzroy & Carlton Community Credit Co-operative Ltd
South East Housing Co-operative Ltd
Urban Camp Melbourne Co-operative Ltd
Warmambool Co-operative Society Ltd
Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-o

The Chairman (David Griffiths) distributed to the meeting copies of the following:

- David Griffiths and Graeme Charles, Energy Co-operatives in Rural Australia, 14 December 2000-12-20
- Office of the Regulator-General, Victoria 40-160 MWh Customers Choice of Electricity Retailer, November 2000

The meeting discussed changes to the energy industry and the opportunity for co-operatives, and their members, to attain bargaining power by aggregating numbers and volume.

The Chairman said that an authorisation form to commence negotiations with energy retailers would be distributed to co-operatives who had expressed an interest in energy aggregation

Co-operatives who signed the form would be authorising Co-operative Energy Ltd to initiate negotiations on behalf of the co-operatives – and eventually members of the co-operatives.

In signing the authorisation form, co-operatives would be undertaking no obligations for themselves and their members – other than authorising Co-operative Energy Ltd to negotiate on their behalf. There would be no fee for this and the negotiations would not be binding on co-operatives who had signed authorisation forms.

It was noted that the authorisation from co-operatives would authorise Co-operative Energy Ltd to negotiate for:

- Sites of co-operatives that were not currently under a contract with a supplier.
- Sites that were currently under contract with a supplier from the time of the contract expiry and
- Initiate preliminary discussions for members of co-operatives where co-operatives were interested in providing a value-added service

**It was agreed that an authorisation to negotiate form. SHOULD BE
DISTRIBUTED TO CO-OPERATIVES.**

David Griffiths
18 December 2000